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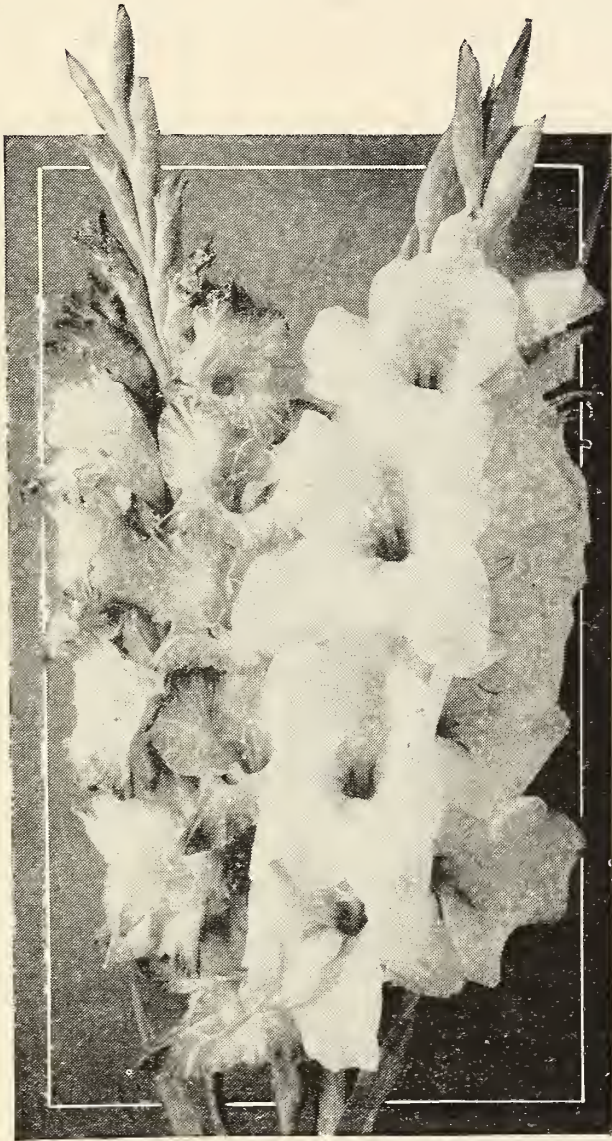
# BALESKY'S

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1926

Northern Grown

## GLADIOLI



### Balesky's Plant Nursery

FOSTERS, MICHIGAN



# GLADIOLI

## "THE GLORY OF THE GARDEN"

### All Blooming Size Bulbs

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**AMERICA**—Beautiful soft shell pink with a lavender tinge. Flowers large, wide open with several blooms open at a time. Fine for cut flowers. The most popular variety and one of the easiest to grow. 5c each; 50c per dozen.

**BARON HULOT**—Velvety purple with lemon dash on medial line. 10c each; \$1.00 per dozen.

**CHICAGO WHITE**—White with lavender line on lower petal. One of the earliest whites. 5c each; 50c per dozen.

**CRACKERJACK**—Handsome large flowers of a rich dark velvety red. 5c each; 50c per dozen.

**EVELYN KIRTLAND**—Beautiful soft rose pink with shell pink center. One of the finest. Tall grower. Has taken many prizes at the gladioli shows. 10c each; \$1.00 per dozen.

**FRANCIS KING**—Large flame scarlet. Flowers on extremely long spike. Very popular for window display and decorating purposes. 5c each; 50c per dozen.

**HELEN FRANKLIN**—Pure white violet throat markings. Vigorous, tall, with strong straight spike, averaging from 6 to 10 open flowers at a time. One of the ruffled varieties. Awarded many prizes at the Gladioli shows. Recognized by leading authorities as one of the best commercial sorts yet introduced. 5c each; 50c per dozen.

**GRETCHEN ZANG**—Delicate soft rose pink shading to coral pink. Tall and graceful. A beauty. If you admire delicate colors, try this one. 8c each; 75c per dozen.

**HALLEY**—Large well open flowers of a beautiful salmon pink with carmine penciling on lower petals. One of the earliest. Inexpensive but good. 5c each; 50c per dozen.

**HOLLAND GIANT (Glory von Kennmerland)**—Very large, rose pink with yellow center and carmine throat markings. A new imported variety of immense size, blooms often measuring 6 inches across the petals when in full bloom. 10c each; \$1.00 per dozen.

**IDA VAN**—Fine deep-salmon red or flaming orange-pink, shading darker in throat. Large open flowers. Rich and brilliant. 5c each; 50c per dozen.

**MRS. FRANK PENDELTON**—One of the finest. Light pink with giant blotch of richest carmine red in throat. Large wide open flowers. Tall, strong grower and long, well-filled spike. A grand variety. Has been awarded many prizes. 8c each; 75c per dozen.



**NIAGARA**—Light creamy yellow splashed with pink. Large open flowers on a strong spike. 8c each; 75c per dozen.

**PANAMA**—Handsome large pink flowers, wax-like and wide open. A favorite with all. A prize winner. If you grow cut flowers, don't overlook this one. 5c each; 50c per dozen.

**WILBRINK**—A refined flower of delicate flesh-pink color. Large well open flowers on a long spike. A profuse bloomer and one of the earliest. In demand by florists. 10c each; \$1.00 per dozen.

**WAR**—Deep brilliant red. Strong grower with wide open flowers. Sold at a dollar a bulb a few years ago. 10c each; \$1.00 per dozen.

**PRINCEPS**—Known as the \$1,000 gladiolus. Rich dark scarlet. Wide open flowers with broad white blotches across lower petals. 10c each; \$1.00 per dozen.

**PRINCEPINE**—Carmine red with large, white blotch. Fine. 8c each; 75c per dozen.

**PRINCE OF WALES**—A very high class variety of great merit. A pure salmon self color without any markings. In great demand. 10c each; \$1.00 per dozen.

**PEACE**—A grand variety. Giant white with lavender penciling on lower petals. A good one for your cut flower trade. 8c each; 75c per dozen.

**SCHWABEN**—Clear canary yellow, shading to sulphur yellow, with a touch of red in throat. Tall, vigorous grower. Large flowers. One of the very best yellows on the market today. 10c each; \$1 00 per dozen.

**MIRANDA**—Large primulinus type, producing three to four flower spikes from every bulb. Color fine canary yellow, slightly striped with carmine rose. 5c each; 50c per dozen.

**GARDEN MIXTURE**—This mixture is made up of many colors which would cost nearly twice as much if purchased separately. 25 bulbs for \$1.00; 100 for \$3.00.

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**COLLECTION NO. 1**

6 America .....	\$ .30
6 Chicago White .....	.30
6 Crackerjack .....	.30
6 Miranda .....	.30
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24 Bulbs	Retail Value \$1.20
Special price postpaid .....	\$1.00

**COLLECTION NO. 2**

6 Panama .....	\$ .30
6 Halley .....	.30
6 Francis King .....	.30
6 Crackerjack .....	.30
6 Helen Franklin .....	.30
3 Schwaben .....	.30
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33 Bulbs	Retail Value \$1.80
Special Price postpaid .....	\$1.50

### COLLECTION NO. 3

3 Panama .....	\$ .15
6 Helen Franklin .....	.30
4 Gretchen Zang .....	.32
3 Evelyn Kirtland .....	.30
3 Schwaben .....	.30
3 Holland Giant .....	.30
4 Mrs. Pendleton .....	.32
6 Primulinus Hybrids .....	.30
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32 Bulbs	Retail Value \$2.29
Special Price postpaid .....	\$2.00

### READ THIS BEFORE ORDERING

Send in your order early, as some varieties are sold out quickly. Bulbs are shipped in March when danger of freezing is over, but will ship earlier at purchaser's risk when requested. All bulbs are blooming sizes. 6 at the dozen rate, 50 at the 100 rate. For prices per 100 multiply the dozen price by 7. All prepaid anywhere in the United States. Canadian and Foreign shipments add 10c per dozen. No orders accepted for less than 50c.

### CULTURE

The Gladioli is easy to grow and requires no expert skill. If you can grow potatoes or vegetables, you can grow Gladioli. Plant in any good garden soil about the same time you plant your garden in the spring. For best results they should have a sunny position. Do not plant in the shade of trees or buildings. Plant the bulbs four or five inches deep in rows and about four or five inches between each bulb. If space is limited they may be planted in beds with bulbs set five inches apart each way. Do not use fresh manure. Well rotted manure, commercial fertilizer, wood ashes or bone meal well mixed with the soil will give you fine blooms.

When cutting flower spikes, let three or four leaves remain on the plant to properly mature the bulb. Dig the bulbs in the fall, cut off the tops and after letting them dry a few days in the open air, store in a cool but frost proof place for winter.

## Strawberry Plants

**SENATOR DUNLAP (Per.)** A mid-season variety. The Dunlap is now so well known among strawberry growers that it needs no introduction. Wherever strawberries are grown, fields of Dunlaps are a familiar sight. This variety has made more money for its growers throughout the United States than any other variety ever grown. It is impartial as to soil or climate and will produce large crops of fine fruit wherever planted. Berries are large, evenly shaped, rich crimson color, firm and of finest quality and flavor. It has nearly all the good points that can be desired in a perfect berry. Plants are vigorous growers, with long roots and sturdy crowns. you will make no mistake in planting Senator Dunlap for main crop. Price—100, 75c; 1,000, \$5.00.

**DR. BURRILL (Per).** Medium early. A new variety of the Dunlap type. Berries are larger than the



Dunlap and the plants are more productive. The fruit is very large and uniform in shape and size. The color is a rich dark red and the flavor is simply delicious. Plants have long roots and are vigorous growers. Price—100 75c; 1,000, \$5.00.

### **CHAMPION (Everbearing Strawberry)**

This variety has been on the market for several years and has met with great favor among berry growers throughout the country. The fruit resembles that of the Dunlap and the flavor is equally as good. I believe it is a better variety than Progressive, although Progressive is holding its own well. Personally, I believe the Champion is more productive. The berries are larger and if I had my choice between the two, I would decide in favor of Champion. Some growers claim there is not much difference between the two, but let that be as it may, both are giving general satisfaction and are up to the present time our two most dependable everbearers. Price—100, \$1.25; 1,000, \$10.00.

**SUPERB.** The plants of this variety are fine, thrifty growers, making many new plants the first season. If the runners are cut back somewhat, they will bear a good crop in the fall of the first year. The berries are large to very large and very regular in shape. They are bright glossy crimson and the prettiest and most attractive berries of all kinds of fall bearing strawberries. The flavor is somewhat inferior to most other varieties. On account of their size and very fine appearance, they are a splendid market berry and a good shipper. Price—100, \$1.25; 1,000, \$10.00.

**PROGRESSIVE (Everbearing).** The Progressive is as extensively grown among the everbearers, as the Dunlap among the standard varieties. It is a good producer of medium to large sized berries that are sweet and delicious in flavor. They will bear a sure crop of berries ninety days after plants are set and continue to fruit until all vegetation is frozen in the fall. Plants have powerful roots and heavy crowns. Price—100, \$1.25; 1,000; \$10.00.

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To Whom it may concern:—

We, the undersigned, do state that BALESKY'S PLANT NURSERY, of Fosters, Michigan, is owned and operated by H. F. Balesky, who is doing a very extensive strawberry plant and bulb business. Mr. Balesky is well known to us as a man of ability and honesty and we believe any one doing business with him will be dealt with fairly and honestly.

**THE BIRCH RUN STATE BANK,**

By Ernest R. May, Cashier.

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### **GRAPES**

**CONCORD (Blue)** Very productive. Bunch is large, berries sweet and juicy. Very popular throughout the country. Large two year old plants. Price each, 20c; 6 for \$1.00; 12 for \$1.75.

**CONCORD.** 1 year old plants. 8c each; 12 for 75c.



## RHUBARB

**LINNAEUS.** This variety produces an abundance of large, tender stalks of good quality. Price per large clump, 50c; 3 for \$1.25.

**References**—As to my reliability, I refer you to the Birch Run State Bank, of Birch Run, Mich., Postmaster and Express Agent of Birch Run, Mich., German American Bank, of Frankenmuth, Mich., and the Postmaster of Fosters, Mich.

**Location**—If you live within driving distance, you will find my nursery located 2½ miles west and 1 mile north of Birch Run. I am connected with long distance telephone. Call Birch Run operator. All mail should be addressed to Fosters, Mich.

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# Dahlias

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### Show and Fancy Type

**STRADELLA.** Lilac purple. Large, beautiful flowers on long, stiff stem. Fine for cutting. Each 20c; per dozen \$2.00.

**SYLVIA.** A beautiful pink, gradually changing to white in the center. Good stems. Each 20c; per dozen \$2.00.

**QUEEN VICTORIA.** Yellow ball-shaped flowers. Each 20c; per dozen \$2.00.

**RED HUSSAR.** Produces an abundance of cardinal scarlet, ball-shaped flowers. Very pretty. Each 20c; per dozen \$2.00.

**STORM KING.** Large, white ball-shaped flowers. Very attractive. Each 20c; per dozen \$2 00.

**OREGON BEAUTY.** Produces large, oriental red ball-shaped flowers. Each 25c; per dozen \$2.50.

**STARLIGHT (Show Type).** A rich, canary yellow. A free bloomer. Each 20c; per dozen \$2.00.

**WINE KING.** A blackish maroon. Very attractive. Each 20c; per dozen \$2.00.

**MIXTURE.** Made up of the above varieties and others not listed. Per dozen \$1.50.

